Election to Primary Land Development Bank

555. Sri B. VENKATARAYAPPA (Sidlaghatta).—

Will the Minister for Development be pleased to state :—

(*a*) whether the election to the Managing Committee of the Primary Land Development Bank for the year 1968-69 was scheduled to take place on 19th January 1969;

(*b*) if so, the reasons why the election to the Managing Committee was cancelled by a Notification issued by the Tahsildar of Siddlaghatta, who is the Returning Officer;

(*c*) the authority responsible for the said election and what action Government propose to take on them ?

Sri P. M. NADGOUDA (Minister for Development).—

(*a*) The election to the Managing Committee of the Primary Land Development Bank, Siddlaghatta was scheduled to take place on 19th January 1969.

(*b*) The Bank did not furnish the Voters' List of non-borrowers to the Returning Officer in accordance with the bye-laws.

(*c*) The matter is under examination.

Exploration of Gold Deposits and Survey of Copper Deposits

720. Sri RAJA PID NAIK (Shorapur).—

Will the Minister for Industries, Information and Publicity be pleased to state :—

(*a*) the steps taken to further explore at depth to establish the full potential of the deposits of Gold ore at the mines at Manglur in Shorapur Taluk, Gulbarga District;

(*b*) the programme drawn up by the Geological Survey of India for exploring the deposits at depths of Copper at the above mines ?

Sri A. P. APPANNA (Deputy Minister for Industries).—

(*a*) Exploration for gold in different parts of the State is being taken up on a planned basis by the Geological Survey of India. Presently it is being carried out at Gadag and will be extended to other places.

(*b*) Copper is not reported to occur at Marglur, Shorapur Taluk.